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STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS EFB PROTEIN AND C3 BINDING

REGION WHICH INHIBIT COMPLEMENT ACTIVIATION

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## Response to Restriction Requirement of October 8, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 8, 2008, and without addressing the positions of the Examiner therein, Applicants elect GROUP 1, claims 1-5, 9, 14, 15 and 20, drawn to an isolated C3 binding region from the *S. aureus* Efb protein having the ability to inhibit complement activation, and a composition, vaccine and a kit comprising the same..

In light of the response above, examination and allowance of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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